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HB 5915

To Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and members of the Public Health committee:

My name is Christopher W. Beale, from Wallingford, Connecticut. Please accept my electronic testimony in support of Bill #5915 which is now in front of your committee, concerning the Practice of Classic Homeopathy.

While I am a Board Member of the Midstate Medical Center in Meriden, which is a partner in the Hartford Healthcare Corporation, I am not speaking on their behalf.

I am speaking as a proponent of Homeopathy and as a Connecticut healthcare consumer. I have personally benefited as a homeopathic patient on several occasions. I have also witnessed firsthand how classically trained homeopaths have helped my family members with lower costs and less intrusive methods than traditional medicine.

My understanding is that Connecticut is one of less than a handful of states which don't allow individual homeopaths to practice. This has meant that I have needed to find an out of state Practitioner for my medical needs, which is shameful.

In my opinion the demand for complimentary medicine is increasing at an exponential rate.

I don't want to see Connecticut left behind compared to our neighboring states, by a law dating back to 1893. I am acutely aware of our state's need to reduce the cost of medical care and I feel this bill will go far in helping that cause.

The time has come to bring Connecticut into the 21<sup>st</sup> century of medical care for its citizens, the medical consuming public and your constituents.

Thank you for your attention and timely support in this important matter.

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